

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, STATE OF TEXAS, {
AUSTIN, June, 3, 1873. }

Hon. M. D. K. Taylor, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: I return to the House of Representatives, where it originated, the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution requiring County Courts to make settlements with sheriffs and treasurers of school boards."

This act is retroactive in its effect, and therefore unconstitutional. It proposes to go back and unsettle all accounts of treasurers of school boards or sheriffs, without regard whatever to any settlement they may have made with the proper authorities for the time being.

The act is calculated in the highest degree to stir up bad blood and law suits.

I ask that it be reconsidered.

Very respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS, Governor.